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FOR: 24-HYDROXYVITAMIN D, ANALOGS AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please delete lines 2-13 and substitute therefor - This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/086,969, filed May, 29, 1998, -- now U.S. Patent No. 6,242,434.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 7-10, 12, 21-24, 26, and 27.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2 (Amended) A [The] method of [claim 1] achieving an effect in a patient comprising administering an effective amount of a vitamin D compound which is a 24-hydroxyvitamin D

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